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SUBJECT: GOM ERADICATION AND INTERDICTION ACTIVITY REPORT  
MAY 15-21, 1978, FIELD OPERATIONS THROUGH MAY 26, 1978.

1. GOM ERADICATION AND INTERDICTION STATISTICS FOR THE  
20TH WEEK OF 1978 ARE OUTLINED BELOW. FIGURES IN PAREN-  
THESIS REFLECT CUMULATIVE TOTAL EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1977.

ERADICATION, MAY 15-21, 1978

ZONES	5 - 9	3 - 4	1 - 2	TOTAL
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A. POPPY FIELDS	61	0	0	61 (15,340)
B. HECTARES	3.48	0	0	3.48 (1247)
C. MARIHUANA FIELDS	43	0	104	147 (2215)
D. HECTARES	3.42	0	4.88	8.30 (458)
E. MIXED FIELDS	2	0	0	2 (111)
F. HECTARES	7.15	0	0	7.15 (18)

INTERDICTION, MAY 15-21, 1978

- TOTAL THIS PERIOD CUMULATIVE TOTAL

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A. KG. HEROIN	3.09	69.185
B. KG. OPIUM	.180	263.791
C. KG. OPIUM SEED	2.710	66.936
D. HEROIN LABS	1	10
E. KG. COCAINE	0	33.590
F. KG. MARIHUANA	9,718	277,411
G. KG. MARIHUANA SEEDS	2.940	1,184.877

H. KG. HASHISH	0	59.875
I. LITERS HASHISH OIL	0	.250
J. KG. PEYOTE	0	11.85
K. DU DANGEROUS DRUGS	0	1,511,105
L. ARRESTS - MEXICAN	82	2005
M. ARRESTS - U.S.	6	72
N. ARRESTS - OTHER	1	12
O. VEHICLES	13	313
P. WEAPONS	4	727
Q. AMMUNITION	90	32,789
R. PESOS	0	438,249.00
S. DOLLARS	2,400.00	33,812.00
T. AIRCRAFT	1	25

2. ERADICATION STATISTICS FOR THE 20TH WEEK OF 1978 HAVE BEEN COMPARED WITH THOSE FOR THE SAME PERIOD IN 1977. SIXTY-ONE POPPY FIELDS WERE DESTROYED DURING THE 20TH WEEK OF 1978, WHEREAS, NO POPPY FIELDS WERE DESTROYED DURING THE SAME WEEK IN 1977. ONLY MARIHUANA WAS DESTROYED DURING THIS PERIOD IN 1977. THIS PERIOD HAS TRADITIONALLY BEEN A TIME OF LESS ACTIVITY DUE PERHAPS TO THE MAY VACATIONS OF MEXICAN GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL.

3. BASED ON THE AVAILABLE FIGURES ON NUMBER OF FIELDS AND SIZE OF FIELDS, DURING THE RECENT CAMPAIGN, THE AVERAGE SIZE IS COMPUTED AT 0.08 HECTARES OR 800 SQUARE METERS. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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#### 4. FIELD OPERATIONS:

A. ZONE 01, OAXACA: ZONE COORDINATOR ZAMORA-APAM REPORTS THE EXPECTED SEASONAL RAINS FAILED TO MATERIALIZE AFTER SOME EARLY SHOWERS. CONSEQUENTLY, THE MARIHUANA GROWING AREAS ARE RUNNING BEHIND SCHEDULE, HOWEVER, HE EXPECTS THE SITUATION MAY CHANGE IN MID-JULY. ZAMORA-APAM EXPRESSED CONCERN TO EMBASSY OFFICER ON POPPY GROWING IN THE VICINITY OF MARTINEZ DE LA TORRE, VERACRUZ, IN SECTOR 243 WHICH IS NOT UNDER THE ASSIGNED JURISDICTION OF ANY ZONE COORDINATOR. ZONE 01 REPORTED DETECTION AND DESTRUCTION OF APPROXIMATELY 200 POPPY FIELDS IN THIS SECTOR DURING THE RECENT CAMPAIGN.

B. ZONE 03, URUAPAN: EMBASSY OFFICER AROS PRESENTLY ON THREE-DAY TDY IN THE STATE OF MICHOACAN TO DISCUSS CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES AND REQUIREMENTS WITH COORDINATOR ROSSANO Y MALDONADO. IN CONFORMITY WITH PROCEDURES, THE TRIP WAS CLEARED THROUGH THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND THE ZONE COORDINATOR. A TOTAL SURFACE AREA OF 15,000 SQUARE METERS (1.5 HECTARES) OF POPPY FIELDS WAS DESTROYED IN FIRST

QUARTER OF CY 78 IN SECTORS 232 AND 233 WHICH ARE LOCATED SOUTH AND EAST OF URUAPAN RESPECTIVELY. THE CHIEF OF THE URVE TEAM (RECON AND VERIFICATION) ASSIGNED TO URUAPAN INFORMED EMBASSY OFFICER THEY ARE CONDUCTING RECON FLIGHTS DAILY AND COVER THE ZONE AREA EVERY 24 DAYS. LATEST REPORTS INDICATE WEATHER IS EXTREMELY DRY AND PREVIOUS WEEK RECON ACTIVITY WAS NEGATIVE. FYI: EMBASSY PLANS TO ARRANGE SCHEDULE OF FORD PSC TEAM TO INCLUDE A JOINT EVALUATION/VERIFICATION OF CRITICAL SECTORS IN ZONE 03 DURING

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MONTH OF AUGUST. END FYI.

5. TECHNICAL SUPPORT:

A. AVIATION OPERATIONS: CARSON AND DUFAU CONDUCTED TRAINING FOR BOTH ROTARY AND FIXED WING PILOTS ASSIGNED TO CULIACAN WITH FLIGHT SESSIONS IN THE TACTICAL AREAS. AERO SERVICES NOW HAS THREE QUALIFIED MODEL 212 INSTRUCTOR/PILOTS WITH CERTIFICATION FROM THE GOM CIVIL AERONAUTICS ADMINISTRATION.

B. MAINTENANCE: ADDITIONAL EMPHASIS WAS PLACED ON THE CONTINUING DEVELOPMENT OF A QUALITY CONTROL (QC) PROGRAM WITH THE ARRIVAL OF A TDY TECHNICIAN UNDER THE E-SYSTEMS CONTRACT TO AUGMENT IN-COUNTRY STAFF TO FOUR QC TECHNICIANS. TDY TECHNICIAN IS TASKED TO DRAFT COMPLETE QC POLICY, APPROPRIATE PROCEDURES, AND RECOMMEND ORGANIZATIONAL MANNING STRUCTURE. AFTER REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY BOTH E-SYSTEMS AND AERO SERVICES MANAGEMENT, THE REPORT WILL BE TRANSLATED INTO SPANISH FOR DISTRIBUTION AND IM-

PLEMENTATION.

C. TELECOMMUNICATIONS: INSTALLATION OF EQUIPMENT WHICH  
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CONSISTED OF CONSOLES AND HF ANTENNAE IN THE NEW COMMO  
CENTER REPRESENTED THE SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY, WITH CON-  
TINUED WORK TO ESTABLISH THE SUPPLY AND MAINTENANCE SEC-  
TIONS TO ATTAIN FULLY OPERATIONAL STATUS.

D. E-SYSTEMS CONTRACT: THE PROBLEM RELATED TO DELINQUENT  
TECHNICAL SERVICES DIRECTIVES WAS RESOLVED AND OTHER SIMI-  
LAR MAINTENANCE PROBLEMS HAVE IMPROVED. MAINTENANCE  
SUPERVISOR JUDGES THAT CONTINUED ATTENTION TO THE PERSIS-  
TENT PROBLEMS WHICH IN THE PAST HAVE EXTENDED DOWNTIME ON  
AIRCRAFT DURING PERIODIC MAINTENANCE CHECKS SHOULD IN-  
CREASE AVAILABILITY IN THE FUTURE. THE TEN-DAY SYSTEM FOR  
REVOLVING FUND REIMBURSEMENT IMPLEMENTED AS RESULT OF  
SOHLIN TDY IS PROGRESSING SATISFACTORILY.

POSITIVES OF RECENT NASA FLIGHTS WERE DELIVERED TO EXECU-  
TIVE OFFICER BAEZA FOR TRANSMITTAL TO DETENAL TO EFFECT  
EXCHANGE WITH MINISTRY OF DEFENSE FOR ORIGINAL PRINTS.  
LETTER TRANSMITTED TO AG OFFICE ON THE CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
AND REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED ON THE GOM LEADING TO THE ARRIV-  
AL OF MODIFIED AIRCRAFT GROUND EQUIPMENT AND JOINT GROUP  
OF TECHNICIANS IN CULIACAN AND MEXICO, AS SCHEDULED IN  
ORDER TO COMMENCE OPERATIONS IN NOVEMBER, 1978.

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